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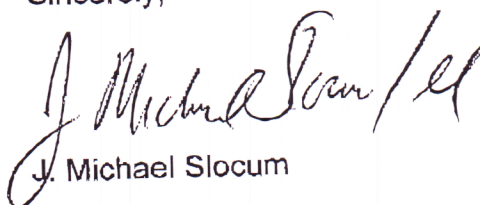
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DR. BARHAM SALIH, NEW MINISTERS, TAKE OFFICE

Infrastructure and political priorities outlined for diverse cabinet

WASHINGTON — A renewed emphasis on education, health, housing, income development and roads will head the priorities of the newly installed Kurdistan Regional Government cabinet, Dr. Barham Salih, the new prime minister of the KRG, announced.

The new cabinet will have 18 ministries, a reduction from 27 ministries and eight ministers without portfolio in the previous cabinet. The ministers were ratified by the Kurdistan Parliament and took their oaths of office in the presence of Kurdistan Region President Masoud Barzani, former Prime Minister Nechirvan Barzani, parliament members, Iraqi federal government officials and foreign diplomats.

The cabinet consists of members of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP), the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), Kurdistan Islamic Movement, Chaldean Assyrian Syriac Council and Turkmen parties. The ministers reflect the diverse ethnic and religious traditions in the Region, with the Christian, Muslim and Yazidi faiths all represented.

A senior member of the PUK, Prime Minister Salih heads the sixth Kurdistan Region cabinet since 1992. Before this appointment, he was the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq from 2006, and the federal Minister of Planning from 2005. Before the liberation of Iraq, he served as Prime Minister of the Sulaimaniyah administration of the Kurdistan Region.

He pledged that the cabinet would give attention to areas where genocide was committed, such as Halabja, and would work hard for the international recognition of the Anfal genocide. He also stressed the Kurdistan region's friendship with Arabs and other communities within Iraq and its continual improvement of relations with Turkey.

Prime Minister Salih takes over from Nechirvan Barzani, who served as the first prime minister of the Kurdistan Region since the liberation of Iraq.

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The new Cabinet:

Prime Minister

Barham Salih

Deputy Prime Minister

Azad Barwari

Minister for the Interior
Minister of Finance & the Economy
Minister of Justice
Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources
Minister of Culture and Youth
Minister of Education
Minister of Electricity
Minister of Endowment & Religious Affairs
Minister of Health
Minister of Higher Education & Scientific Research
Minister of Housing and Reconstruction
Minister of Labor and Social Affairs
Minister of Martyrs and Victims of Anfal
Minister of Municipalities and Tourism
Minister of Natural Resources
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Minister of Planning
Minister of Trade and Industry
Minister of Transport and Communications
Head of the Department of Foreign Relations

Abdul Karim Sultan Sinjari (Kadm Sinjari)
Bayiz, Saeed, Mohammad Talabady
Raouf Rashid Abdulrahman
Jamil Sleiman Helder
Kawa Mahmoud Shakir
Safin, Mubain, Mohammad, Amin, Dizayee
To be named
Kamil Ali Aziz
Taher, Abdullah Hussein Hawrami
Dawar A. A. Al-Akdegi
Kamran, Ahmed Abdullah
Ms. Asos, Najib, Abdullah
Majid, Hamed Amin Jamil
Samir, Abdullah Mustafa
Abdullah, Abdurrahman Abdullah (Ashti Hawrami)
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